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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

At page 6, line 29--page 7, line 5, please rewrite as follows:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figs. 1(a) and 1(b) are diagrams illustrating an embodiment of the present invention.

Figs. 2(a) and 2(b) are diagrams illustrating another embodiment of the present invention.

Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) are diagrams illustrating a conventional fiber array.

Figs. 4(a)-(c) are partial magnifications of the circular portion in Fig. 3.